

# PILOT PROJECTS – CALL 1 2025

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## CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT FOR MARINNONET PILOT PROJECTS

The work plan of the Atlantic Area project MARINNONET includes the realisation of pilot projects that must be implemented according to the work plan included in the MARINNONET Subsidy Contract and application form (PAF), and in compliance with the rules of the Atlantic Area programme. The MARINNONET pilot projects are R&D&I activities corresponding to feasibility studies, exploitation or demonstration projects in the blue biotechnology sector with a maximum duration of 12 months. Pilot projects are aligned with the regional challenges identified in the Joint Action Plan of MARINNONET (<https://marinnonet.eu/>) and must be carried out by at least two research and development partners of the MARINNONET consortium (one as Principal Investigator, the other as Secondary Investigator) placed in two different Atlantic regions. Additionally, projects must have an associated External Innovator, which may be subcontracted if necessary. Only members of the organisations listed in the Pilot Projects Call 1 Guidelines may be Principal Investigators of the pilot projects.. The Principal Investigator of each pilot project, and the organisation of which they are members, will be responsible to ensure compliance with the Atlantic Area financial rules, the terms of the MARINNONET PAF and Agreements (Subsidy Contract and Partnership Agreement), in the implementation of the pilot project. Specifically, they will ensure that all costs incurred in each pilot project are covered, and that only costs related to consumables and subcontracting are incurred.

- **Title of the pilot project**

TO BE FILLED

- **Generic description of activities of each participant**

- **Principal Investigator:** (OFFICIAL NAME)

TO BE FILLED: Technical activities to be performed by PI

The Principal Investigator will use the MARINNONET budget available in its institution to perform all payments of the expenses generated by the pilot project in accordance with the terms of the Pilot Projects Call 1 and the budget approved in the pilot project application form (Annex: submitted/approved application form)

- **Secondary Investigator:** (OFFICIAL NAME)

TO BE FILLED: Technical activities to be performed by SI

- External Innovator: (OFFICIAL NAME)

TO BE FILLED: Technical activities to be performed by EI

- o **Declaration of absence of shared expenses**

The Principal Investigator (name) of organization (name of organization), located at (name of region) Country (name of country), declares that expenses will not be shared between the Principal and Secondary Investigators, i.e. all expenses are assumed exclusively by Principal Investigator.

- o **Declaration of inexistence of double funding**

The Principal Investigator (name) of organization (name of organization), located at (name of region) Country (name of country); the Secondary Investigator (name) of organization (name of organization), located at (name of region) Country (name of country) and (name), member of the External Innovator (name of organization), located at (name of region) Country (name of country) declare the inexistence of double funding for the pilot project activities, i.e. the pilot project activities are not being funded by other entities or grants, national or international.

- o **Agreement of collaboration**

The signing parties agree to work on the pilot project from 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 to the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2026, to report to the MARINNONET executive board (WP2 coordinator: [ibon.cancio@ehu.eus](mailto:ibon.cancio@ehu.eus)) every three months, and within 1 month after the end of the pilot project.

- o **Intellectual property**

Ownership of Intellectual property is described in the Interreg Atlantic Area Program ([link, page 66](#)). Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) refers to creations of the mind, such as inventions; literary and artistic works; designs; symbols, names, and images used in commerce. Intellectual property is protected by law through, for example, patents, copyrights, industrial designs, and trademarks.

All outputs and results produced in the framework of the MARINNONET project (including those of the pilot projects) are of public interest and publicly available. They must be accessible and available to the public, generally in a usable format.

- o **Declaration of Principal Investigator accepting responsibility for ALL payments**

The Principal Investigator (name), member of the MARINNONET partner (name of organization), located at (name of region) Country (name of country),

accepts the responsibility to ensure that ALL payments be made and that all the expenses incurred are eligible and comply with the Atlantic Area rules

within pilot project (TITLE).

Allowed costs are limited to:

- consumables purchased by Principal Investigator
- subcontracting of external expertise and services of the External Innovator participating in the proposal

Signature:

Principal Investigator

Signature:

Secondary Investigator

Signature:

External Innovator